

February 23, 1951.
Public Lands and Buildings.

House File 547
By PALMER.

Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section two hundred ninety-seven point seven (297.7), Code of Iowa 1950, providing for discretionary powers by local school boards in the procedure for letting contracts for the erection and repair of school houses.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section two hundred ninety-seven point seven (297.7),
2 Code of Iowa 1950, is hereby amended by striking the period in line
3 seventeen (17) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and the
4 words “provided, however, if in the judgment of the board, bids
5 received be not acceptable, the said board may reject all bids
6 and proceed with the construction, repair, or improvement by such
7 method as the board may determine; provided further, that the total
8 cost of the said construction, repair, or improvement shall not
9 exceed the amount of the lowest previous bid.”

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 547

Many school districts are prevented from carrying out any building programs because the amount of money available to the district is less than the amount of the lowest bid for the needed schoolhouse construction or repair. This bill provides discretionary powers for the school boards of such districts to go ahead with some building provided that the cost of such building does not exceed the lowest previous bid.